

SADIE TANNER
MOSSELL ALEXANDER

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

PAS Weekly

Upcoming Events

PAS Schedule

5/22: A Day
5/23: B Day
5/24: C Day
5/25: D Day
5/26: E Day

Track Meet

5/23, 3pm

PAS Musical

5/23-25, 7pm

Pretzel Day - LAST ONE!

5/26

PAS 5K/1 Mile Online Registration

Deadline

5/28

Family Bingo and Pasta Dinner

6/2, 5pm-7pm

PAS 5K/1 Mile

6/4, 8:30am

Spirit Week

6/5-9

PAS BB Alumni Game

June 7

Last Day for Students

June 13

Last Day for Staff

June 14



PAS Musical - this week!

Tuesday and Thursday shows are sold out! There will be 57 tickets available to purchase at the door for Wednesday's performance. Tickets are \$15 each, payable by cash, credit or check. Blacktop doors open at 6:30pm. Wands will be available for pick up or purchase for \$7. Glinda will need your help during the performance! "Kisses" for the cast will also be available for \$1. Check out the silent auction on performance nights, featuring artwork from the show scenes. Looking forward to seeing this amazing production!



Please Join Us - Interview with Nina Banks

On **May 24 at 9am**, please join for the HSA Speaker Series: An Interview with Nina Banks, author of *Democracy, Race, & Justice*, *The Speeches and Writings of Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander*. Dr. Banks will give a presentation to the middle school students and be interviewed by Principal Overton. Limited seating is available. Please RSVP [here](#).



Reminders

- 1. [HIAS](#) Pennsylvania has updated its **ADULT ESL** [directory](#) for classes during Summer 2023.
- 2. **If you are moving/not returning to PAS next year**, please contact Assistant Principal Johnson in writing or email (kdjohnson2@philasd.org) as soon as possible. This information will assist us in planning and reorganizing for the upcoming school year. We have a number of students on our waiting list for each grade who would like to attend PAS if there is space.
- 3. **The Annual School Experience Survey** is designed to find out what you think about our school - school safety, your child’s learning experience, family engagement, and more. The District also uses survey responses to learn what is working in schools and where to give schools more support. Student ID is not required. **Please take 5 minutes to share your [feedback](#).**
- 4. The School District of Philadelphia has consolidated its **tutoring services**. Check it out [here!](#)
- 5. **Attendance matters** for student learning progress. We encourage our students to attend school 95% or more of instructional days. That is 171 days out of 180 days or just 1 absence a month. With that said, please do not send your child to school if they are sick. You can see your child’s absences in your Parent Portal. If your child is absent please **email your child’s teacher with cc to Secretary Bullock** (abullock@philasd.org) and **Nurse Natanya**. (ngornstein@philasd.org). Please review the [Student & Family Handbook](#) for more information on the attendance policy as well as these district expectations: [Attendance Expectations](#) & [School Board Policy Regarding Attendance](#)
- 6. **Parent volunteers (including trip chaperones)** need their [clearances](#). Please upload them, along with your covid 19 vaxx card to this [form](#).
- 7. **PAS gear is back in stock**. To order, visit the [HSA store](#) or stop by the office for an order form.
- 8. **Uniform guidelines** can be found [here](#).

— THE —
SPECIALIST
CORNER

Please visit the links below to learn more about what our students are learning in Ms. Falcon’s art class, Ms. Willbach’s SEL class, Ms. Gilday’s technology program and Ms. Zimmer’s music program:

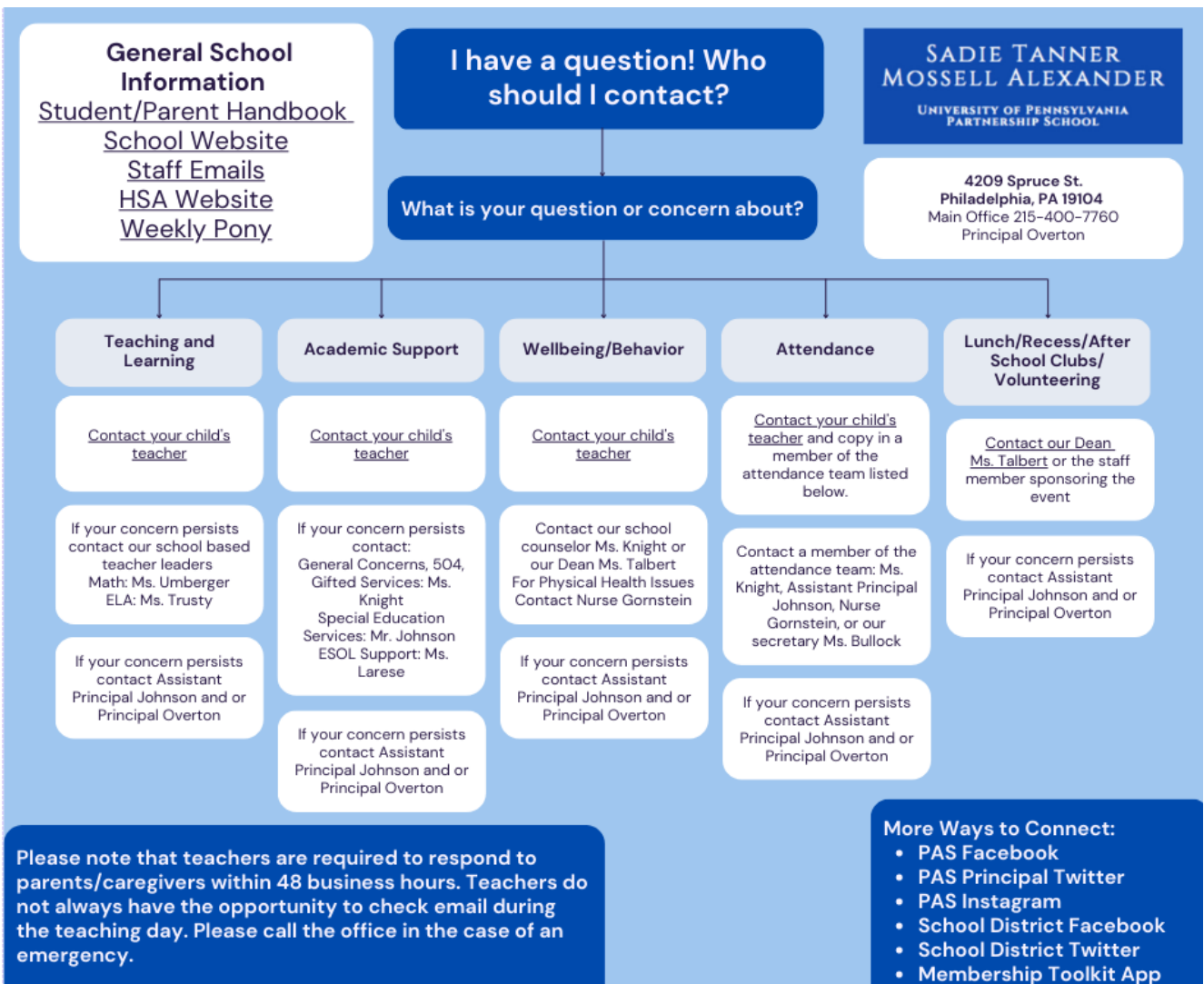
[PAS Art Class](#) - **NEW!** Follow Ms. Falcon on Instagram @ pas_artists

[PAS SEL Class](#)

[PAS Dig Lit Tech Highlights](#)

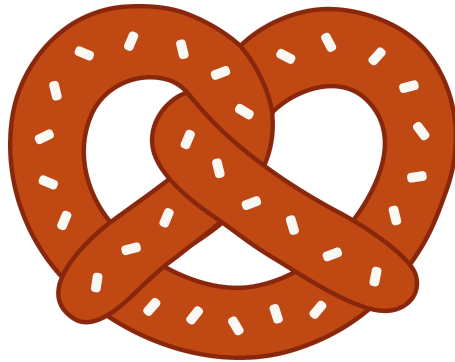
[PAS MUSIC](#)

Parent/Guardian Communication Flow Chart (Draft)



Pretzel Day THURSDAY is Here!

\$2



October 14 October 28	November 10 November 17	December 8 December 22	January 12 January 26
February 9 February 23	March 9 March 23	April 13 April 27	May 11 May 25

Send your child with \$2 cash on pretzel day

OR

Prepay for the year below

Same price with either option

*******Return with payment to your teacher*******

Child Name _____ Teacher _____

_____ Enclosed is \$10 for a year of pretzel days (3/9-5/26).

_____ I paid online [here](#)

(enclose cash or check payable to HSA of PAS)

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4209 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

215-400-7760

Principal Lauren Overton

Dear Families:

May 22, 2023

The School District of Philadelphia is requiring the students listed below to return their Chromebook & charger on **Monday, June 5** to our computer science teacher, Ms. Gilday. They will be stored for the summer at school. **We will continue to work with the district to modify this directive, which further exacerbates the digital divide but until it is changed we will need to collect Chromebooks from the following students on Monday, June 5:**

- K-7th grade students returning to PAS next year
- K-7th grade student NOT going to district school
 - (e.g., private, charter, Archdiocesan, or suburban school or another state)
- 8th grade students NOT going to a district high school

K-7 students transferring to a district school (e.g., Masterman, GAMP or another neighborhood school should **KEEP their Chromebooks** for use at their next school placement in the fall.

8th graders going to a School District of Philadelphia high school should KEEP their Chromebook for use in high school next year.

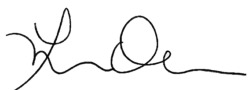
For any students who have lost or misplaced their Chromebook chargers, please keep in mind that we do not receive new chargers from the School District, so we do not have any extras. They are an easy purchase on Amazon, for example - most chargers are the USB-C, 65w, Dell compatible chargers:

https://www.amazon.com/Chromebook-USB-Charging-Computer-chromebook/dp/B0B762G2V5/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2H6873XOD8EGE&keywords=usb+c+charger+65w+dell&qid=1682706536&prefix=usb+c+charger+65w+dell%2Caps%2C80&sr=8-2#customerReviews

For any students who have the round, barrel chargers, we do have many extras of these - so no need to purchase a new one.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,



Principal Overton

PENN ALEXANDER MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME

VS. ALUMNI

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023 | 3:15 PM

PAS GYM (use 43rd Street entrance)

LIMITED SEATING

RSVP REQUIRED by 6/2

Concessions & Raffle - proceeds towards new uniforms!

**SIGN UP HERE TO WATCH OR PLAY
or Scan the QR code**



School Advisory Committee (SAC) March 2023 Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13th, 2023

3:45PM-4:45PM

<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/>

In attendance: Lauren Overton (Principal); Theresa Knight (PAS Counselor); Vidya Plainfield (SAC Chair); Ann Kreidle (PAS Partnership Manager); (PAS Faculty); Liz Wing (SAC Secretary); Michelle Papachristou (Parent); Keya Brame (PFT); Jim Dugan (HSA President)

Update on SAC Action Items: SAC FAQs

- SAC FAQs are [LIVE on website!](#)

Neurodiversity Day Initiative Update

- Meeting with parents, faculty, and staff held in late February to talk about an agenda for Neurodiversity Day
 - Draft presentation created during the meeting
- Presentation will be at Coffee w/Principal on Wednesday, 3/29 @8:45am
- There will be a call to action for those who may want to connect with other families (via Google form)

Principal Report, Open Forum

- We are officially in the midst of budget season!
 - Budget projections have been & will be shared at Coffee w/Principal (CwP)
 - [ARPA funds](#) (COVID funds) have been cut in half. This was how we funded our Asst. principal and our intervention specialist
 - Next year, there will be NO ARPA funds (that's city-wide). We will be -100k next year
 - Intervention specialist position to be cut
 - We will, through Penn Partnership, replace position with a tutoring partnership.
 - SDP tutoring: only offers virtual group sessions; we want 1:1 support
 - Academic clubs will continue to provide support. We will continue to have intervention support through Ms. Umberger & Ms. Trusty
 - HSA funding is critical to fill in the gaps & maintain status quo of the school
 - We cannot afford a new teacher: SDP formula is highest paid teacher salary plus benefits = the "cost" of a teacher = 136k per teacher. This salary is not representative of most teachers
 - 6 positions at PAS exist due to Penn Partnership
 - We spend less per kid here because we are "high achieving". Average here is 14k per kid vs 16k per kid citywide
 - i.e. Lea has 150 fewer kids than us, but more \$ in their budget in Title 1 funding – funding for student need
- We will need parent advocacy next year for more funds. What can the school community do?
 - Best way to make change here is through the interest convergence of multiple school communities

- Schools need more counselors and social workers, paid out of operating budget, not auxiliary funds
- Attend/observe [School Board meetings](#)
 - Next SDP Budget Hearing is on 4/20/23
 - When does SDP go to City Council?
 - SDP is changing to a regional model, there will be restructuring in the next year
- Mayoral race this year – effectively decided this May (Democratic primary election: 5/16/23) Remember, superintendent is appointed by mayor – we could have new superintendent
- Ask mayor candidates: where do they stand on funding? What will you do for our school community, including funding, facilities, maintenance?
 - Can we make talking points for ePony?
- We need parents to fill out the district's curriculum feedback form: ELA or Math
 - When parents provide feedback on their school's curriculum, SDP will cut some of the costs
 - We can connect re: survey through room parents. Overton to craft email for room parents
- Parent Surveys are coming up!
 - We need greater than 75% participation! Currently we are at 50%.
 - PAS receives points from the district for survey completion
 - While there's already a lot of family participation at PAS, we will ONLY get points based on completing the survey!!
 - Points from the district give us a district-wide rating, including a building score, which is used for the budget
 - It is a critical opportunity for families to give the school feedback. We can break down the survey demographically to create concrete benefits in the school community & environment.
 - It helps us to make things visible that are not visible
 - It helps us to teach our teachers, so we know what your experience is and we can be responsive to that experience
 - Family surveys are due by the end of the year.
 - Overton will be at family conferences to get people to do them in person
 - What are other opportunities to get people to do it?
 - Paper printout to go home w/kids; email sent via room parents; ePony; computers stationed at packet pickup for 5k, musical, spaghetti dinner

Approval of February Meeting Minutes

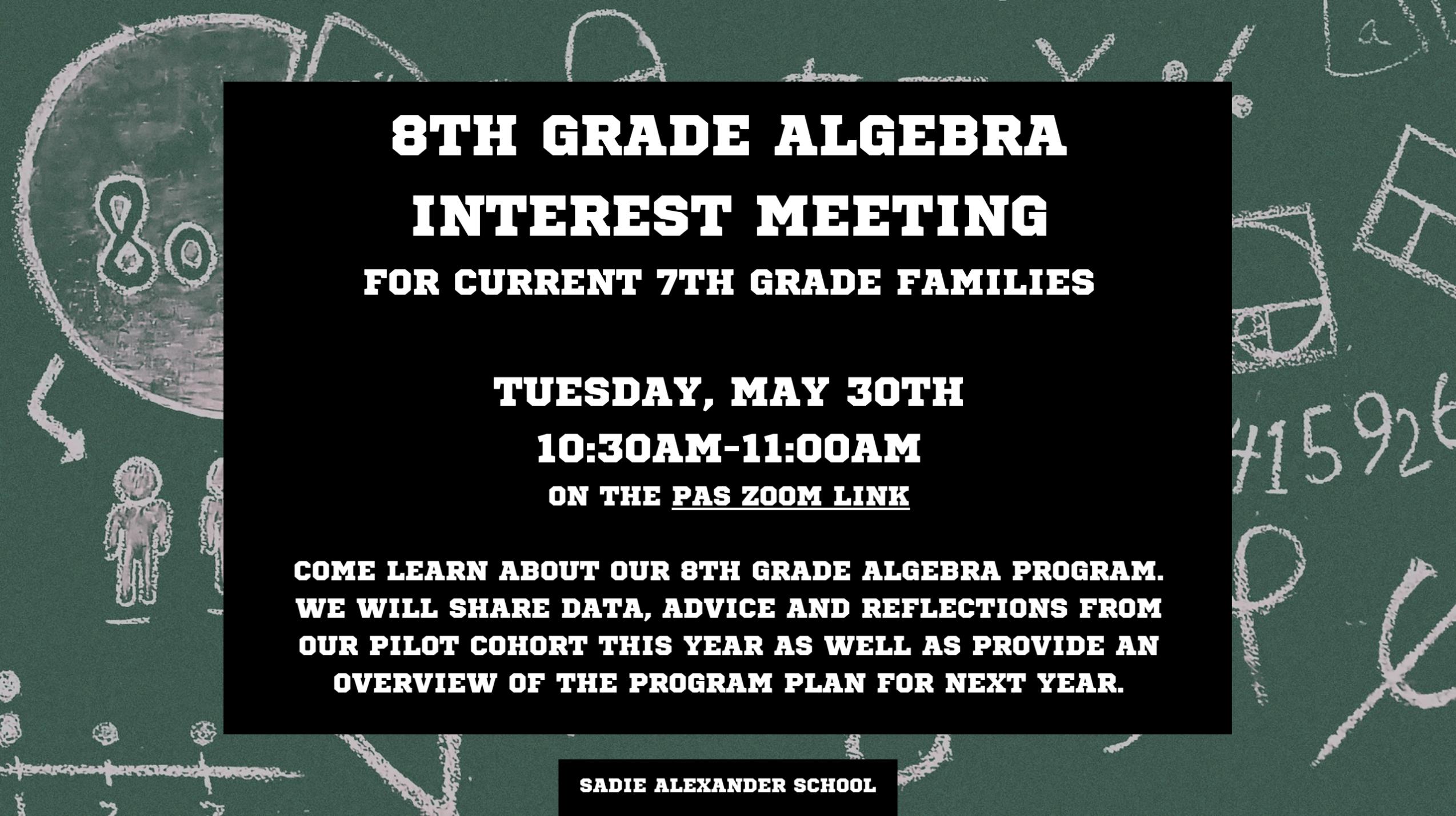
Motion to approve minutes by Vidya, seconded by Michelle; minutes approved

Next SAC Meeting Topic: Open Forum

Future Dates: 4/10/23, 5/15/23, 6/12/23

Grade	Current Enrollment (3/13/2023)
K	80

1	76
2	72
3	72
4	71
5	60
6	54
7	46
8	51

The background is a dark green chalkboard with various white chalk drawings. On the left, there's a large circle containing the number '80'. Below it are two small stick figures. On the right, there's a square with internal lines, the number '415926', and a large 'X' mark. The text is centered in a white, bold, sans-serif font.

**8TH GRADE ALGEBRA
INTEREST MEETING
FOR CURRENT 7TH GRADE FAMILIES**

**TUESDAY, MAY 30TH
10:30AM-11:00AM
ON THE PAS ZOOM LINK**

**COME LEARN ABOUT OUR 8TH GRADE ALGEBRA PROGRAM.
WE WILL SHARE DATA, ADVICE AND REFLECTIONS FROM
OUR PILOT COHORT THIS YEAR AS WELL AS PROVIDE AN
OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM PLAN FOR NEXT YEAR.**

SADIE ALEXANDER SCHOOL

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND
ANNUAL AFFINITY DINNER**

TUESDAY MAY 30TH
5:00-7 :00 PM

For PAS families who identify as
Black/African American, AAPI, Arab,
Latinx, Indigenous, or Multiracial
(People of the Global Majority)
with the purpose of sharing experiences
and joy, building community, and
addressing challenges

**RSVP [Here](#) or by emailing Principal
Overton at loverton@philasd.org**

[RSVP HERE](#)

**POR FAVOR VENGA A NUESTRA
SEGUNDA CENA ANUAL DE AFINIDAD**

*MARTES, 30 DE MAYO, 5-7 EN
LA NOCHE A PAS*

Por familias de PAS que identificarse como
Latinx, AAPI, Indígenas, Afroamericano,
Árabe o Multirracial con la intención de
compartir experiencias y alegrías construir
comunidad y afrontar desafíos.

**Por favor llene este formulario [AQUÍ](#) si
puede asistir o manda un correo
electrónico a Principal Overton
loverton@philasd.org.**

الترجمة العربية

يسعدنا أن تنضموا إلينا في الإحتفال السنوي والعشاء
لغرض التواصل والتقارب والذي يقام للعام الثاني على التوالي :

التاريخ: يوم الثلاثاء الموافق 30 مايو

من الساعة 5 إلى 7 مساءً

هذه المناسبة للعائلات في مدرسة بن ألكسندر وينتمون إلى الخلفيات التالية أو يعتبرون أنفسهم:

أمريكان أفارقة-أمريكان سود، أمريكيان من أصول آسيوية أو آسيوية من جزر المحيط الهادي،

العرب، اللاتين، من السكان الأصليين، أو متعددي الثقافات والعرقيات

بغرض التعرف والنقاش مع من يشتركون معكم في الخلفية عن خبراتهم، والاستمتاع بالوقت معاً، وبناء الروابط في المجتمع،

ومناقشة الصعوبات والتحديات التي تواجهها كل مجموعة. سوف يتواجد مترجم لمساعدتكم عند الحاجة.)

للحضور يرجى التسجيل بآبائناكم عبر الرابط التالي.

[RSVP link here](#)

أو بإرسال بريد إلكتروني إلى ناظرة المدرسة أوفرتون على البريد الإلكتروني

loverton@philasd.org

请加入我们参加第二届年度亲和晚宴。

五月三十日，周二，下午五点到晚上七点。

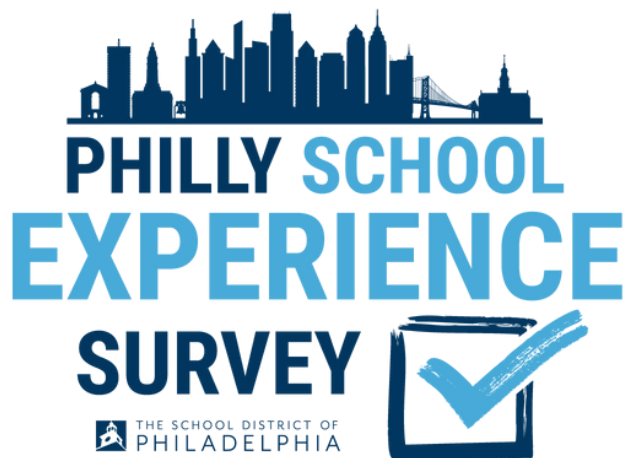
针对身份为黑人/非裔美国人、亚太裔美国人、阿拉伯人、拉丁裔人、土著人或多元文化背景（全球多数人群）的PAS家庭，旨在分享经历和喜悦，建立社群并应对挑战。

请在下方回复或通过电子邮件联系Principal Overton，
邮箱地址为loverton@philasd.org。

<https://forms.gle/BxwKfh4XQRnLgCxJA>

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RSVP



**Philly families,
take 5 minutes to
speak up as your child's
biggest champion!**

**Complete the Philly School
Experience Survey**, the annual
District-Wide Survey for all Philly
public school parents and guardians.

**Complete the
survey online &
enter to win a
\$25 gift card!**

Take the survey today!

Scan the code with your phone
or visit philasd.org/parentsurvey



ONLINE SURVEY AVAILABLE IN 12 LANGUAGES

English বাংলা Uzbek Русский عربي Việt
Español Français Português SHQIP 汉语 ལྷོ་སྐད་

Schools use the survey results to:

- ✓ Design their annual plans and secure funding for staff, programs, and materials.
- ✓ Work to improve key aspects of the school experience like communication, instruction, and equity.
- ✓ Celebrate progress and success!

What's new in 2022-23?

The survey has a new name. The annual District-Wide Survey is now called the Philly School Experience Survey (PSES) to better reflect that it is a survey about school communities and for school communities.

The survey is anonymous. The parent/guardian survey has always been completely confidential, but this year it is also anonymous, meaning that you will not be asked to enter a student ID number.

Please visit philasd.org/pSES for more information and to find results from past years. If you have additional questions, email schoolsurveys@philasd.org.



2023-24 School Supply Program

Dear PAS Parent/Guardian,

May 2023

We are pleased to be able to offer families the same three options we provided last year for ensuring your child has their school supplies when they return in the fall.

How the program works: 2-8GR Teachers have prepared supply lists for each grade that will be sent home at the end of the year. You can also find the lists [HERE](#). Be sure to look at the list for your child's grade next year. **Check out the options below, including the option to have supplies delivered directly to your child's classroom! Please note the deadlines for each option.**

Note to parents of rising Kindergartners and 1st graders: Your child(ren)'s school supplies for these grades will be purchased by the teachers. You can pay the \$50/75-per-child fee through the [HSA website](#).

Greening PAS through Upcycling + Reuse RETURNS! PAS is joining schools around the country utilizing resources in smart and creative ways by upcycling and reusing new or gently used supplies. We're excited to make good use of valuable school supplies and prevent usable items from going to a landfill. You can drop off any of the items on the list below in the PAS atrium and we will put them to good use for the next school year.

Items should be clean and in good working order. We're looking for: marble composition books with wide or college rule (if partly used, remove used pages), plain pocket folders (OK if they contain a name concealable with a label), erasers, #2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencils, other pencils, Crayola crayons (boxed or loose), personal hand sharpeners, white school glue, glue sticks, safety scissors, protractors, and 6 and 12 inch rulers. It's a win-win: supplies get put to good use and you get to clear the extras and leftovers out of your home and office!

Donations Welcome! Whichever option you choose for the school supply program this year, please consider purchasing an extra kit or supplies to ensure that every child at PAS starts and finishes the school year with necessary supplies.



2023-24 School Supply Program

Hassle-free school supply shopping!

Three Options

Don't Delay! There are ordering deadlines.

Buy an extra kit for a student in need*

(* use Ann Kreidle as the recipient)

Need help? Contact Ann Kreidle @ kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601

OPTION A: EduKits

Order deadline: June 30, 2023 for Free Shipping!

Description: Each kit contains all items listed by your teacher and approved by the school. Kit is shipped to school for the first day, labeled with the student's name. Click on the Edukits link above to place your order. BE SURE TO CLICK ON YOUR CHILD'S GRADE FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR.

*Free delivery and prices are valid on orders placed by 6/30/2023.

*Sales tax, if applicable, will be added at check out.

*Extended ordering is available July 1– July 17 for an additional fee of \$12.95 and will be delivered to the school shortly before school begins.

Prices:

Kit	Price	Kit	Price	Kit	Price	Kit	Price
2GR	\$108	4GR	\$52	6GR	\$56	8GR	\$60
3GR	\$74	5GR	\$100	7GR	\$57		

Option B: Teacherlist.com

Order deadline: varies, based on vendor selected.

Description: Buy the entire list of supplies uploaded by PAS or just what you need from the list from one of five partners: Amazon, Target, Office Depot and Walmart. Shipped to home. Click the Teacherlist link above to order.

Prices: varies, depending on store and items you choose.

Option C: DIY Do It Yourself PAS Supply Lists

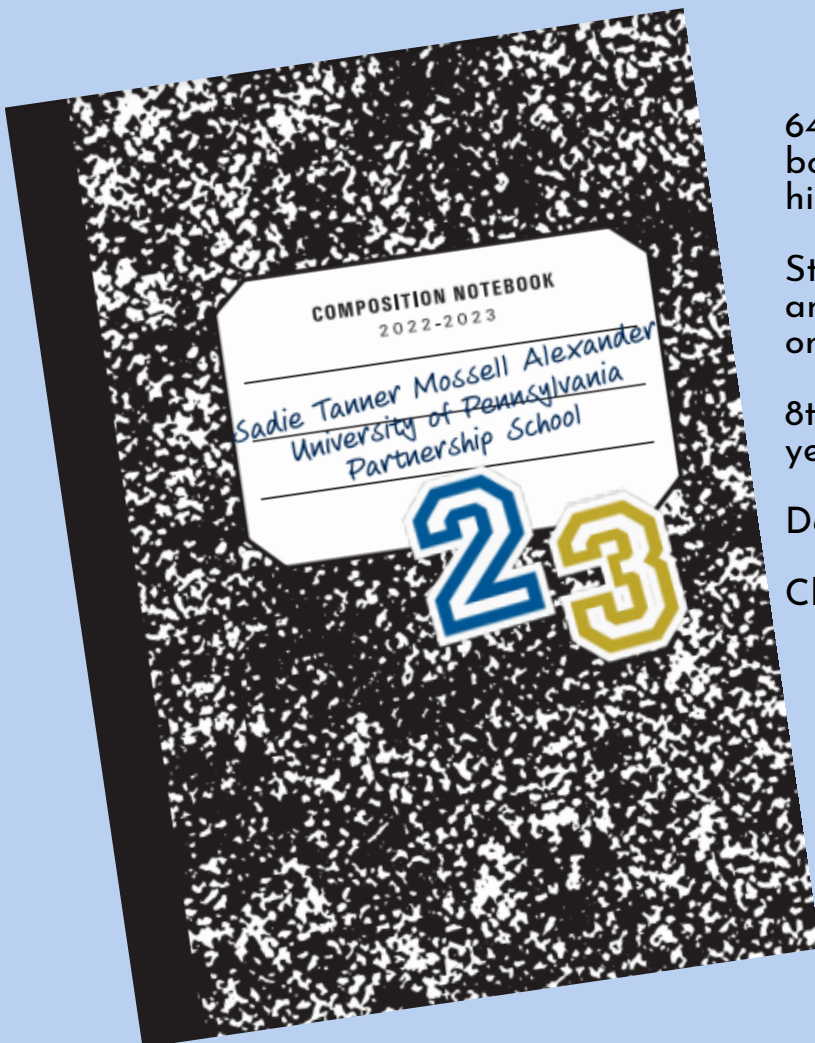
Reuse supplies leftover from last year and purchase just the items you need from the store(s) of your choice. For example, Staples and Walmart often have great sales in mid-July. Teachers will send home all locker contents on your child's last day in school. PAS Supply lists can be found [here](#).



DON'T MISS

A SINGLE MOMENT

2 0 2 3 Y E A R B O O K



64 full color pages featuring every class - both candids and composites - along with highlights of the year!

Students now, as well as when they are old and gray, will have a good time looking back on all the good times we had this year!

8th graders will receive a complimentary yearbook.

Delivery expected in early June.

Click [HERE](https://www.hsapennalexander.org/form/m/228925) to order while supplies last.



<https://www.hsapennalexander.org/form/m/228925>

2023 Penn Alexander Middle School Career Fair

Thursday, June 1st

Session 1: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Session 2: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

**Are you willing to spend a few hours with our middle school students to
present your profession?**

- **Present to two classes of approximately 25 students**
- **Prepare a 15 to 20-minute presentation on your profession**
- **Answer student questions regarding your line of work**

**If you are interested, please complete this brief [survey](#) to indicate your
availability.**

For additional information, contact Ms. Knight, Counselor at 215-400-7760 and/or tknight@philasd.org.

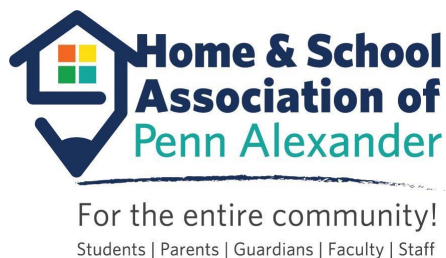
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and
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

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- **Answer student questions regarding your line of work**

Name	Profession	Preferred Date	Email

For additional information, contact Ms. Knight, Counselor at 215-400-7760.



Home & School Association: Executive Board Elections — nominations due May 13, 2022

Every two years, the parents and guardians of Penn Alexander School elect a new Home & School Association (HSA) Executive Board.

If you are interested in serving on the board of the HSA or if you know someone who would be perfect for one of the jobs, [please nominate yourself or that person](#).

Offices: See the [nomination form](#) for job descriptions/duties.

- **President**
- **Fundraising Chair**
- **Upper School Events Coordinator** (ideally a parent of a 5th- 8th grader at PAS)

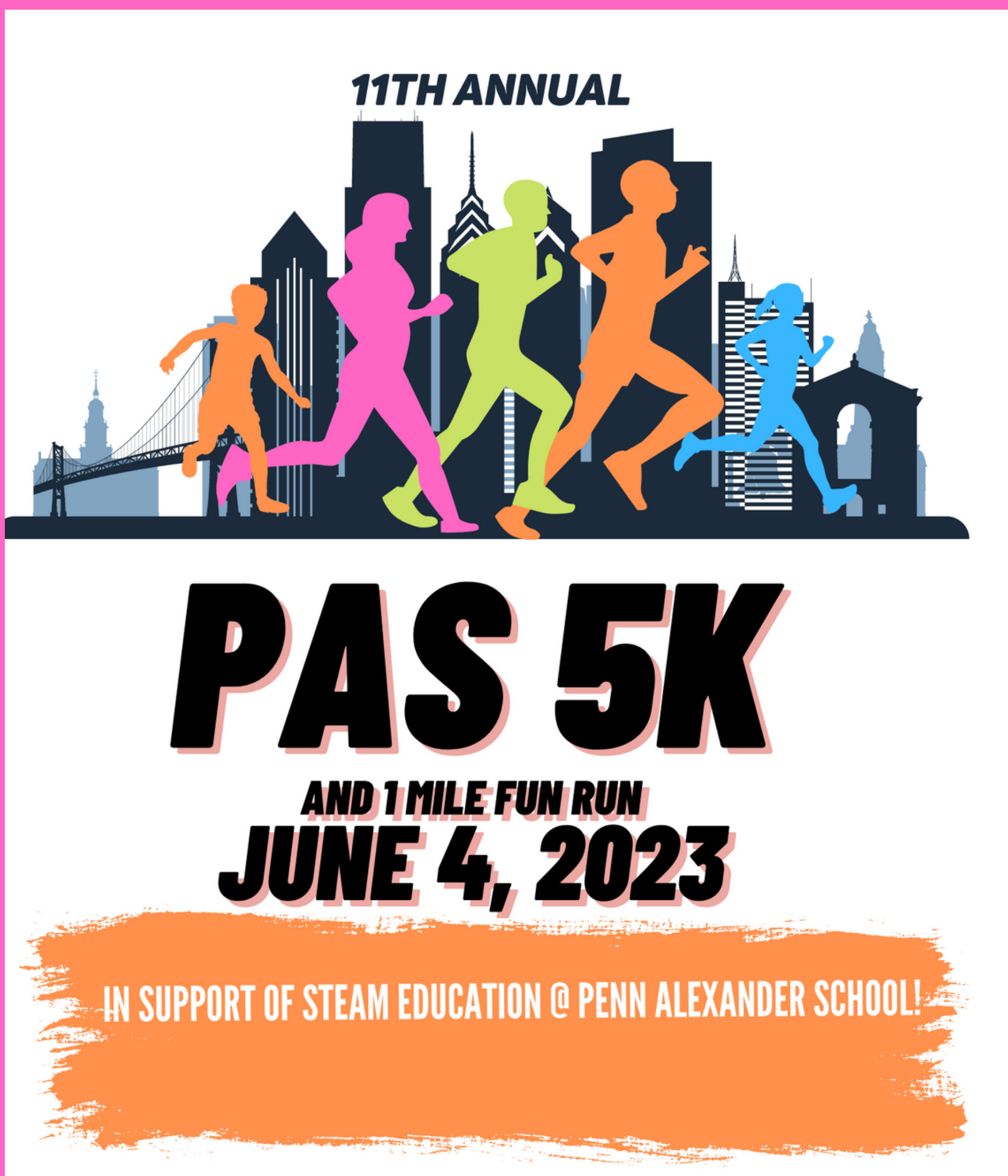
Term: The new board will take office on July 1, 2023, and serve a two-year term (for the 2023–2024 and 2024-2025 school years) - until June 30, 2025.

Eligibility: All officers must be the parent/guardian of a child currently enrolled at PAS, and all officers must pass a Pennsylvania Criminal History check and a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance.

Timeline:

- Nomination forms: Due by **Friday, May 13, 2023**. Fill out this form.
- Info session, meet the Board, Q&A: **Thursday, 5/11 at 7:30- Local 44**
- Elections: **Thursday, 5/18 at 7:30 PM**
- Winner's announcement: **Friday, 5/26 at 8:45 AM** after Coffee with Principal
- June transition for July start

If you have any questions or wish to join the nominating committee, please contact [Nicole Carl](#).



**SIGN UP
TODAY!**

**RUN
WALK
HELP**

Sunday, June 4, 2023

5K: 8:30 AM

1 Mile Fun Run: 9:30 AM

- ***POP PARTY for classes with over 50% registrations***
- ***Register by April 15 to get the best price***
- ***Register by May 8 to get a race shirt***
- ***Registration Insurance available - NEW!***
- ***Pre-Race Outdoor Pasta & Bingo Dinner !***
- ***Student Training Clubs forthcoming!***

Sign up below to RUN, WALK & HELP

<https://www.HSAPennAlexander.org/5K>

FAMILY PASTA & BINGO NIGHT



**JUNE 2,
5-7PM**

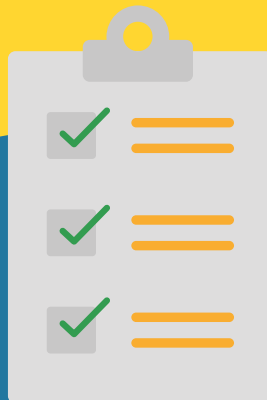


**PAS
BLACKTOP**

Early Bird \$12 per person
At Door \$15 per person

ORDER HERE

SCHOOL VACCINES SPORTS PHYSICALS



All School District of Philadelphia students in grades 6–12 may obtain school required vaccines and/or a sports physical at the following schools

LOCATIONS

July 6 12–4pm
ACADEMY at PALUMBO
1100 Catherine Street

July 7 12–4pm
ARTS ACADEMY at BENJAMIN RUSH
11081 Knights Road

July 11 12–4pm
BARTRAM HIGH SCHOOL
2401 S. 67th Street

July 12 12–4pm
THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL
151 W. Luzerne Street

July 13 12–4pm
FELS HIGH SCHOOL
5500 Langdon Street

July 14 12–4pm
GAMP
2136 W. Ritner Street

July 18 12–4pm
HIGH SCHOOL of the FUTURE
4021 Parkside Avenue

July 19 12–4pm
KENSINGTON CAPA
1901 N. Front Street

July 20 12–4pm
MLK HIGH SCHOOL
6100 Stenton Avenue

July 21 12–4pm
MASTERMAN HIGH SCHOOL
1699 Spring Garden Street

July 24 12–4pm
ANNE FRANK SCHOOL
2000 Bowler Street

July 25 12–4pm
STRAWBERRY MANSION HS
3133 Ridge Avenue

July 26 12–4pm
WEST PHILADELPHIA HS
4901 Chestnut Street

Services provided at no charge to families
Students up to 18 years old require consent by phone or paper

Schedule online at www.philasd.org/vax
or call 1-877-926-9272.
Appointments preferred. Walk-in welcome.



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA



CHILD LANGUAGE LAB

SUMMER CAMP

Hosted by the Child
Language Lab at the
University of Pennsylvania!



Inviting rising 7th and 8th graders...
Take part in fun presentations, projects, and trips
and learn all about linguistics and research!

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**REGISTER
TODAY:**
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Date: June 19-23, 26-30, 9:30AM-4:30PM

Location: Bartram's Garden, Philadelphia, PA

Ages: 5-14

Campers will enjoy a wide range of activities including lessons in Arabic, art, storytelling, percussion, and more. Since 2002, our camp has provided a welcoming environment that fosters curiosity and creativity.

Hazami Sayed Scholarship Application:

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Dear Parent,

I want to extend an invitation for your child to apply to join “**Physics Wonder Girls**” - a **free four-day Physics Summer Day Camp for Middle School Girls** to be held on the **University City campus* of Saint Joseph’s University** (SJU). The physics camp, on its tenth successful year, is **free** and is made possible by sponsors including Constellation and Puratos Corporation. Students nominated by their science teacher can apply to participate in one of two camps: **Camp A (June 26-29, 2023)** and **Camp B (July 10-13, 2023)**. The physics camp aims to *sustain interest of middle school girls in science through hands-on physics demonstrations and activities promoting physics and engineering as disciplines*. The camp will culminate in a capstone activity in the form of a **Physics Community Showcase** by the participants and to be attended by family, friends, and organizers on the last day. The camp is organized by myself (Prof. Roberto Ramos) and a small crew of university students. [Camp Website is at this link](#) which is where you can obtain more information and the required application and waiver forms.

Applicants must be full-time, rising 8th or 9th grade female students from schools in the Greater Philadelphia-South Jersey Area. To be considered, [applicants must complete the online application form](#) and upload a **Personal Essay** no longer than 500 words addressing the question “**Why I am interested in Physics !**”. Parents or guardians must upload completed and signed waiver and Emergency Contact information forms. The applicant’s non-related science teacher must directly email a **Letter of Recommendation** (less than 200 words) to physicswondergirls@gmail.com with the Subject Heading: “Physics Girls Camp Recommendation for Applicant's Full Name”.


Materials must be received by **June 5, 2022 (early submission strongly recommended)**. Only complete applications will be considered. To ensure a high-quality program, limited slots are available. Those selected will receive email confirmation. If you have questions, please send an email to physicswondergirls@gmail.com.

For your information, a camp flyer is enclosed. The Schedule of Activities will be sent to successful applicants. Parents are responsible for dropping off/signing in students and picking up/signing out students daily during the four-day camp. Free lunch and snacks will be provided.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving your child’s application.

Roberto C. Ramos, Ph.D., Camp Director
Professor of Physics
Saint Joseph’s university
Email: physicswondergirls@gmail.com

*University City Campus of SJU is located at the former University of the Sciences campus, and not the Hawk Hill Campus of SJU.



SUMMER PHYSICS CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

PHYSICS WONDER GIRLS

- a **FREE** 4-Day PHYSICS CAMP for Middle School Girls
on June 26-29 (Camp A), July 10-13, 2023 (Camp B)
at the University City campus of Saint Joseph's University
Four days of fun and fascination with hands-on physics !!!

Solar Energy and Solar Circuits !

- Use solar cells, understand solar energy!
- Design, Build solar cars, solar boats!

Physics of Food!

- See how science shapes food!
- The Science of Chocolate

Science of Light, Energy, Quantum Science

- Do Optics and Energy Experiments
- Learn about Quantum Science

See Wonder Materials !

- Levitating Superconductors
- Nanotechnology-inspired fabrics

Career Talks and Lab Tours

- Meet Women Scientists & Engineers talk about Science Careers
- Tour Physics Laboratories, R&D and Manufacturing Plants

You can apply directly or ask your STEM Teacher to nominate you :

<https://sites.google.com/usciences.edu/physicswondergirlscamp/>

Open to Rising 8th, 9th grader girls.

Contact: Prof. Roberto Ramos, Saint Joseph's University

Email: physicswondergirls@gmail.com



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Attachment - RELEASE & WAIVER OF CLAIMS

Participant Full Name: _____

Event Organization: *PHYSICS WONDER GIRLS CAMP 2023*

Event Description: Event Date(s): _____

I desire to voluntarily participate in the Event operated by Event Organization that will be held on the Event Date(s) at Saint Joseph's University ("SJU"). I hereby warrant and represent that I do not have any medical condition or physical limitation that would put me at risk for injury as a result of my participation in the Event. In consideration of my voluntary participation in the Event and my use of SJU's facilities, (i) I hereby assume all risks of injury which may result from my participation in the Event and my use of SJU's facilities, and (ii) I agree, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, to waive, indemnify, hold harmless, release and discharge SJU, its affiliates, and its respective officers, trustees, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any and all claims, damages, demands, rights of action or cause of action, present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from, or arising out of, my participation in the Event, and my use of SJU's facilities. I agree to abide by all of the policies, procedures, instructions rules and regulations of SJU in effect during my participation in the Event. I understand that SJU is not affiliated with Event Organization and that SJU is not a sponsor or co-sponsor of the Event, but is merely allowing Event Organization to use its facilities for the Event. I have read and understand the foregoing and affirm that I am participating in the Event of my own free will.

Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____

If the participant is under 18 years of age:

I am the parent/guardian of the Participant. I am over the age of 18, have read and understand the foregoing, and am voluntarily allowing the Participant to participate in the Event at SJU. I further represent that the Participant does not have any medical condition or physical limitation that would put him/her at risk for injury as a result of his/her participation in the Event. On behalf of the Participant, (i) I hereby assume all risks of injury which may result from Participant's participation in the Event and use of SJU's facilities, and (ii) I agree to waive, indemnify, hold harmless, release and discharge SJU, its affiliates, and its respective officers, trustees, directors, employees, agents, successors and assigns from any and all claims, damages, demands, rights of action or cause of action, present or future, known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from, or arising out of, the Participant's participation in the Event, and use of SJU's facilities. I understand that SJU is not affiliated with Event Organization and that University is not a sponsor or co-sponsor of the Event, but is merely allowing Event Organization to use its facilities for the Event.

Name of Parent/Guardian of Minor Participant(s): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____



PICKUP AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION/IMAGE PERMISSIONS

ACTIVITY/CAMP PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

1. NAME _____ PHONE _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

2. NAME _____ PHONE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

AUTHORIZED ADULT PICKUP INFORMATION

1. NAME _____ PHONE _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

2. NAME _____ PHONE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

MEDICAL HISTORY/ALLERGIES:

Are there any important medical histories, allergies or other special instructions that you would like us to know in the event of an emergency ? (Please use the space below).

USE OF IMAGES FOR CAMP

I understand that images of my child may be taken for promotional purposes and to fulfill grant requirements. These images become the property of Saint Joseph's University and may be used without obtaining further consent.

Camp Participant Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

(if Camp Participant is under 18 years of age)